

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, January 13, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building.

The Supervisor, Fred Horwath called the meeting to order.

The meeting was opened with reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and with prayer offered by Board Member, Lois Hills.

The Board Members in attendance were Connie Strong, Fred Horwath, Lois Hills, and Roger Zimmerman. William White was absent.

There were six citizens and guests present at the meeting including Christie Cook, Skip Linden, Leroy Morr, John Tanner, and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bennett.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to approve the minutes of last month's meeting and the treasurer's report as printed. (*Treasurer's report follows.*) The motion carried.

**BALANCE ON HAND – DECEMBER 31, 2004**

**WRIGHT TOWNSHIP**

Checking Account	\$	678.20
LIP Account	\$	63,047.97
Flagstar Checking	\$	1407.27
Flagstar Money Market	\$	0.00
Sewer Fund Savings	\$	858.01

**WRIGHT – WALDRON FIRE AND AMBULANCE FUND**

Checking Account	\$	78.98
LIP Account	\$	84,795.66
Certificate of Deposit	\$	56,116.23
BOL Statement Savings	\$	17,102.01
Loan (Liability)	\$	100,000.00

The meeting was opened for public comment. Leroy Morr reported that water was going across the road on Hartley Road.

Christie Cook, RCAP, needed address corrections on two individuals. She reported that some information was needed for Rural Development, which she is in the process of getting to them concerning revised customer information, and eligibility regarding credit elsewhere, changed format, needed to update. Also, she reported that the property where the Indian Marker is located at Squawfield Road and Waldron Road is being transferring to a tribal in the area.

Fred Horwath read a letter from Attorney, Dan Boyd. When this project was being discussed he estimated his total fees to be \$20,000 to complete the project for the Lime Lake/Prattville Sanitary Sewer System. It now appears that his fees will total less than half of the initial estimate.

The motion was made by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, and supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to approve the land division application submitted by the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Section 10, Southeast ¼, on Prattville Road. Total number of splits allowed – 4, Total splits used – 3, Number of divisions transferred – 0. Roll Call Vote: Lois Hills – yes, Fred Horwath – yes, Connie Strong – yes, William White – absent, and Roger Zimmerman – yes.

The motion was made by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, and supported by Board Member, Connie Strong; to approve the land division application submitted by Myrl Meller in

Section 3, Northeast ¼. Total acres of parent – 4.73, Total number of splits allowed – 4, Total splits used – 1, Number of divisions transferred – 0. Roll Call Vote: Lois Hills – yes, Fred Horwath – yes, Connie Strong – yes, William White – absent, and Roger Zimmerman – yes.

The Township's annual joint meeting with the County Road Commission has been scheduled for Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Road Commission Office.

A letter was received from John Pate from JLM Tank Truck Service with the cost for applying dust control for 2005. The cost is \$265.00 per mile, per application, for two applications of 2,500 gallons applied, then about 6 to 8 weeks later another 2,500 gallons applied. If the township people would like a heavier application in front of their home, their cost is \$32.50 per 300 feet per application.

A draft copy of the proposed contract that will officially put into place the fee schedule adopted by the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners on March 11, 2003 was received from Nicolas Wheeler, County Equalization Director. Also, the original figure of \$500.00 quoted for the Township's share of the new aerial photography project, which was initiated in April of 2004, was reduced to \$200.00 with the sale of new maps.

Clerk, Lois Hills provided Income and Expense Financial reports for the General Fund. She submitted proposed budget modifications for the fiscal year, April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005.

Board Member, Connie Strong made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to amend the budget in the amount of \$2,759.82 as proposed. *(A listing of the budget modifications follows.)* The motion carried.

<b>BUDGET MODIFICATIONS, JANUARY 13, 2005 FOR FISCAL YEAR, APRIL 1, 2004 to MARCH 31, 2005</b>						
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>BUDGET AMOUNT</b>	<b>Y.T.D. ACTUAL</b>	<b>RECOMMEND INCREASE</b>	<b>RECOMMEND DECREASE</b>	<b>NEW BUDGET</b>
191-702	Elections – Wages	1,400.00	1,422.00	22.00		1,422.00
215-726	Clerk – Supplies	700.00	717.84	100.00		800.00
215-800	Clerk – Services	259.00	389.00	130.00		389.00
215-860	Clerk – Travel	125.00	142.75	40.00		165.00
253-860	Treasurer – Travel	200.00	201.65	40.00		240.00
265-930	Building – Maint & Repair	900.00	1107.82	207.82		1,107.82
276-702	Cemetery – Wages	350.00	450.00	100.00		450.00
299-910	Insurance	15,000.00	15,520.00	520.00		15,520.00
299-970	Capital Outlay	0.00	1299.24	1,300.00		1,300.00
520-800	Dust Control	13,950.00	14,250.00	300.00		14,250.00
	<b>INCREASE – TOTAL BUDGET CHANGES</b>			<b><u>\$2,759.82</u></b>		
890-000	Contingency Fund	30,000.00			2,759.82	27,240.18
	<b>DECREASE – TOTAL BUDGET CHANGES</b>				<b><u>\$2,759.82</u></b>	

Copies of the necessary permits from the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the Lime Lake/Prattville Sanitary Sewer System were received.

Connie Strong reported on information she received from Senator, Cameron Brown, concerning the \$2.50 per parcel fee the township receives for the Summer Tax Collection. We are to continue to receive this \$2.50 per parcel.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$9,398.14 from the General Fund and a total of \$622.00 from the Sewer Project Fund. (*A listing of the bills is available upon request.*) The motion carried.

Board Member, Connie Strong made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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Lois J. Hills  
Wright Township Clerk